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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

US 6,210,245
US 6,103,393
US 2002/0071980
JP 2003-528419
JP 2001-345110
JP 11-233006
JP 11-25851
WO 00/15547

A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Documents</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
JP 2001-68119	3
JP 2-111440	10
JP 2000-113712	10
JP 10-510863	11, 17, 18
JP 10-510862	11, 16

The following foreign documents are believed to be in the same family as the following English-language documents:

<u>Foreign Documents</u>	<u>English-Language Documents</u>
JP 2003-528419	US 6,103,393 WO 00/15547
JP 2001-345110	US 6,723,464 US 2002/0071980
JP 2001-68119	US 6,667,268
JP 11-25851	US 6,210,245
JP 10-510863	WO 96/18696
JP 10-510862	WO 96/18695

A English-language abstract for each of the Japanese documents listed on the Form PTO-1449, except for JP 2003-528419, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed

due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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